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SUBJECT: LIBYANS THREATEN TO TURN GULF INTO ANOTHER
SOUTHEAST ASIA AT AMERICAN EVICTION DAY FESTIVITIES

1. SUMMARY: AT THE ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF THE "EVICTION"
OF U.S. FORCES FROM LIBYA, PALESTINIAN CHIEFS HAWATMEH AND
HABBASH MADE ANTI-SADAT SPEECHES. IN THIS CONTEXT HAWATMEH'S
REFERENCE TO "REACTIONARY SAUDI ARABIA" CAUSED THE SAUDI CHARGE TO
WALK OUT. PRIME MINISTER JALLUD MADE A THREATENING SPEECH IN WHICH
HE SAID THE GULF WOULD BE TURNED INTO ANOTHER SOUTHEAST ASIA
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IF JORDANIAN AND IRANIAN TROOPS WERE NOT WITHDRAWN FROM OMAN.

A SPECIAL SOVIET ENVOY CAME FOR THE OCCASION, ALONG WITH THE PDRY PRIME MINISTER. MOST OF QADHAFI'S PALESTINIAN GUESTS WERE MARXISTS TOO, CAUSING US TO REFLECT THAT ANTI-SADAT POLITICS MAKE STRANGE BEDFELLOWS. END SUMMARY.

2. ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF "EVICTON" OF U.S. FORCES FROM LIBYA TOOK PLACE JUNE 11, WITH SPEECHES AND MARCHES AT EX-WHEELUS AIR BASE AND IN TRIPOLI. THIS YEAR'S THEME WAS NOT SO MUCH ANTI-U.S. AS IT WAS ANTI-SADAT. QADHAFI TOOK A PROMINENT PART IN THE DAY'S EVENTS, UNLIKE LAST YEAR WHEN HE WAS BROODING, ALTHOUGH HE TURNED SPEAKING CHORES OVER TO JALLUD AND PALESTINIAN CHIEFTAINS GEORGE HABBASH (PFLP) AND NAYEF HAWATMEH (PDFLP). NOTEWORTHY AMONG THE GUESTS OF HONOR WAS A SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE WHO CAME SPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION, PRESIDENT OF UZBEKISTAN SSR. ALSO ATTENDING WERE PDRY PM ALI; MALTESE PM MINTOFF; REJECTIONIST PALESTINIAN AHMED JABRIL (PFLP/GC); A DELEGATION OF DHOFAR REBELS; A PALESTINIAN MILITARY DELEGATION, NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED; AND AN UNNAMED GDR REPRESENTATIVE.

3. AS HE ALWAYS DOES, QADHAFI KEPT THIS COMPANY WAITING FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR IN THE 100-DEGREE HEAT BEFORE MAKING AN UNUSUALLY THEATRICAL ENTRANCE EVEN FOR HIM. HE ARRIVED MOUNTED ON A WHITE ARAB CHARGER, IN FULL DRESS UNIFORM, AT THE HEAD OF A BODY OF WHITE-ROBED HORSEMEN. JALLUD HAD ARRIVED A FEW MINUTES EARLIER IN A MUNDANE PEUGEOT. LATER QADHAFI WENT OFF TO DO SOME FANCY RIDING IN THE ARAB STYLE WITH HIS CAVALRY.

4. HABBASH AND HAWATMEH MADE THE FIRST SPEECHES. HABBASH CONGRATULATED QADHAFI FOR HIS EARLY DENUNCIATION OF SADAT'S TREASON: "BROTHER COLONEL, WE ARE PROUD OF YOU". HE CRITICIZED THE PLO, CALLING ITS POSITION "VACILLATING", AND HE SAID THIS GAVE SADAT AID AND COMFORT. TO KEEP SILENT, HE SAID, WAS TO BE PART OF THE "PLOT". HE REPEATED HIS EARLIER CALLS FOR ESCALATION OF MILITARY ACTION (TRIPOLI 664). HAWATMEH ALSO REPEATED HIS EARLIER DENUNCIATIONS OF THE EGYPTIAN RIGHT WING, LED BY SADAT (TRIPOLI 662) AND ADDED A REFERENCE TO REACTIONARY SAUDI ARABIA". THIS CAUSED THE SAUDI CHARGE TO WALK OFF THE REVIEWING STAND AND LEAVE THE SCENE.

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5. MAJOR SPEECH, HOWEVER, WAS GIVEN BY JALLUD. HE SEEMED TO TAKE NOTE OF THE PRESENCE OF HIS LARGELY MARXIST GUESTS ON THE REVIEWING STAND BY STRESSING REGIME'S DEDICATION TO ISLAM, ITS REJECTION OF "MATERIALISM", AND ITS RELIANCE ON ISLAMIC SPIRITUAL VALUES, BEFORE TURNING TO THE MAIN THEMES OF HIS SPEECH, SPANISH SAHARA AND THE GUERRILLA WAR IN OMAN. HE RECALLED THAT WHEN HE HAD TOLD FRANCO TO HIS FACE

LAST YEAR THAT SPAIN MUST GET OUT OF THE SAHARA, SOME REACTION-ARIES HAD CALLED IT A "DIPLOMATIC SCANDAL". BUT EVENTS HAD PROVEN HIM RIGHT. LIBYA ENCOURAGED SPAIN IN ITS DECISION TO LEAVE THE SAHARA, BUT THE "POPULAR WAR" WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL THE SAHARA WAS LIBERATED. (JALLUD GAVE NO INDICATION OF THE REGIME'S ATTITUDE TOWARD RIVAL ARAB CLAIMANTS TO THE TERRITORY.)

6. TURNING TO THE GUERRILLA WAR IN OMAN AND DHOFAR, JALLUD CALLED FOR THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. (SIC), BRITISH, IRANIAN AND "AGENT" JORDANIAN FORCES. HE CALLED ON LIBYA'S "FRIENDS" (WHO?) IN THE GULF AND THE PENINSULA TO MAKE EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT A WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS, AND ON QABUS TO "SOLVE HIS PROBLEMS" WITH THE REBEL. IF NOT, HE THREATENED, LIBYA WOULD JOIN FORCES WITH "ALL REVOLUTIONARIES AND PATRIOTIC FORCES" IN THE PENINSULA, AND WITH DHOFAR REBELS, AND TURN THE REGION INTO "A SECOND SOUTHEAST ASIA". ARAB MUST NOT FIGHT ARAB, WHEN THE REAL ENEMY WAS ZIONISM.

7. COMMENT: ANTI-SADAT POLITICS MAKE STRANGE BEDFELLOWS. IN ADDITION TO THE SOVIET, AND THE GDR REP, QADHAFI'S ARAB GUESTS HABBASH, HAWATMEH, AND THE PDRY LEADER, WERE ALL MARXISTS, WITH JABRIL THE ONLY EXCEPTION. IT IS STRIKING TO SEE THE PROFOUNDLY MSLIM LIBYAN LEADERSHIP HOBNOBBING WITH THESE MATERIALISTS, WITH WHOM IT HAS LITTLE IN COMMON SAVE A MUTUAL DETERMINATION TO UNDERMINE MOVEMENT TOWARD A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. WHILE JALLUD ACKNOWLEDGED THE PRESENCE OF THE SOVIET REPRESENTATIVE IN HIS REMARKS, HE HAD NOTHING GOOD TO SAY ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE SOVIET UNION, AND EXPRESSED NO GRATITUDE FOR SOVIET ASSISTANCE.
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